

**INTERNSHIP AT SICÁN MUSEUM  
CONSERVATION PROJECT  
FERREÑAFE - LAMBAYEQUE**

**INTRODUCTION**

The Sicán Museum, inaugurated in 2001, occupies an area of 29,429 square feet and is located in Ferreñafe, 10 miles northeast of Chiclayo. The entrance halls detail the historic development, traditions and activities of the pre-Inca culture of Sicán. The galleries dedicated to funeral practices present replicas of tombs, funerary clothing, and ornaments. The ceramic and funerary galleries exhibit 200 gold pieces such as the ornamental winged-eyed mask, crowns and necklaces, among other precious metallic pieces and ceramics. The tour of the museum ends with an advanced multimedia audiovisual system that takes the visitor back 1300 years.

The Museum is located outside of the tourist circuit and in spite of its modern installations, it received only 30,000 visitors in 2002.

**DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT**

The intern will exchange ideas, concepts, and experiences on conservation techniques and criteria. Interns will have the opportunity to learn more about the reality of Peruvian museums, the wealth and diversity of their collections, and the many materials and methods used to solve conservation problems under Ferreñafe's climatic conditions..

Throughout the internship, the intern will work simultaneously on two specific tasks:

**PROJECT 1 – 30 DAYS**

Maintain and improve conservation conditions in the metal and ceramic storage rooms.

**PROJECT 2- 30 DAYS**

Select a few metal and ceramic pieces that need conservation and start the conservation process in the Museum's modern laboratories.

**NUMBER OF INTERNS, DATES AND TIME PERIOD**

Two (2) interns for two months (40 working days), from July 1 to August 31, 2005.

Working schedule: Monday through Fridays from 9 am to 5:00 pm, with one hour for lunch.

**MATERIALS**

To be determined.

**SUPERVISION**

Project supervisor will be Victor Curay, Chief archaeologist.

**COSTS**

**The Museum** will provide in-kind support and lodging for the intern.

**The American Embassy** will provide the materials needed for the internship and up to

\$ 300 total for M&I per participant for the time period.

**The University or student** should provide other costs such as roundtrip international tickets to Lima and in-country tickets to Chiclayo, and meals and incidentals.

**APPLICANTS**

Applicants must be Spanish-speaking American citizens in a graduate program in Museum studies, with an emphasis on exhibition planning and design. Experience in the field is required.